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PATENT

Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class: 216

Subclass: 62

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Mail Stop Patent Application
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Wolfgang M. J. Hofmann; Noel C. MacDonald

For (title): Multiple-Level Actuators and Clamping Devices

1. Type of Application

This application is for a divisional.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

37 Page(s) of Specification

2 Page(s) of Claims

26 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Preliminary Amendment

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Inventorship Statement

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Executed by:

* inventors.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims now in this application is the same; however, the inventors named in this application do not include all of the inventors named in the parent application. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted hereinbelow.

7. Language

English

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED									
Number Filed		Number Extra			Rate		Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) 750.00		
Total									
Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	35	–	20	=	15	x \$	18.00	= \$	270.00
Independent									
Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2	–	3	=	0	x \$	84.00	= \$	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))						+ \$	280.00	= \$	0.00

Amendment cancelling extra claims is enclosed.

Filing Fee Calculation

\$1020.00

9. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 10/021,311 filed on December 19, 2001 from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation)

\$510.00

10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee

\$510.00

Total Fees Enclosed

\$510.00

11. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$510.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))

37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

13. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. 10-1213.

14. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed

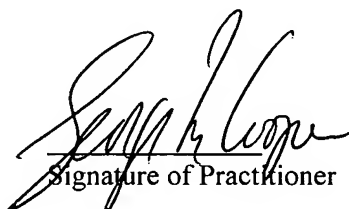
- (a) This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in prior application No. 10/021,311, filed December 19, 2001. The inventors in this application are less than those named in the prior application, and accordingly it is requested that the following inventors identified for the prior application be deleted:

Hercules Neves
Scott G. Adams

- (b) By an assignment recorded at reel 012876, Frame 0635, inventor Adams transferred his ownership in the parent application to the remaining three inventors. Inventor Neves has agreed to assign his entire interest in the parent application to the applicants Hofmann and MacDonald named in this application, and that assignment is being filed for recording concurrently herewith. Accordingly, ownership of the present application is in the named applicants.

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